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10:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

On the draft of the political declaration in preparation for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

11:00 — Informal meeting [webcast] — Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the observance of the annual Nelson Mandela International Day

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 July 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

15:30 — 8314th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security

African Union

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Forty-third session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

10:00 to 13:00	[webcast]	Conference Room 3
	Organizational Committee	

Security Council

Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00	334th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Briefing by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office pursuant to paragraph 19 of resolution 2395 (2017)	
	Overview of the follow-up visit of the Counter-Terrorism Committee to:	
	Niger	
	Burkina Faso	
	Briefing on the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate report pursuant to paragraph 17 of resolution 2395 (2017)	
	Other matters	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

09:00 to 11:30 — 22nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council - Item 5 (a)

Voluntary national reviews

Individual presentations

Lebanon

Interactive discussion

Romania

Interactive discussion

Bahamas

Interactive discussion

Hungary

Interactive discussion

Malta

Interactive discussion

Documents: A/73/81-E/2018/59, A/73/86-E/2018/68, E/2018/51, E/2018/60, E/2018/61, E/2018/64, E/2018/66, E/2018/73, E/FFDF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.1, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.3, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.4, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.5, E/HLPF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/4, E/HLPF/2018/5 and E/HLPF/2018/6

11:30 to 14:00 — 23rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council - Item 5 (a)

Voluntary national reviews

Individual presentations

Poland

Interactive discussion

Singapore

Interactive discussion

Spain

Interactive discussion

Saudi Arabia

Interactive discussion

Documents: A/73/81-E/2018/59, A/73/86-E/2018/68, E/2018/51, E/2018/60, E/2018/61, E/2018/64, E/2018/66, E/2018/73, E/FFDF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.1, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.3, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.4, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.5, E/HLPF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/4, E/HLPF/2018/5 and E/HLPF/2018/6

15:00 to 16:45 (in parallel) — 24th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council - Item 5 (a)

Voluntary national reviews

Individual presentations

Paraguay

Interactive discussion

Qatar

Interactive discussion

Documents: A/73/81-E/2018/59, A/73/86-E/2018/68, E/2018/51, E/2018/60, E/2018/61, E/2018/64, E/2018/66, E/2018/73, E/FFDF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.1, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.3, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.4, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.5, E/HLPF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/4, E/HLPF/2018/5 and E/HLPF/2018/6

17:00 to 18:30 — 24th meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council - Item 5 (a) (continued)

Keynote address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Adoption of the ministerial declaration

Adoption of the draft report

Conclusion of the High-level political forum on sustainable development

Closing statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council (Czech Republic)

Open to all Member States of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies, as well as the major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

Additional information is available on the website of the High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.

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For further details, contact the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

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E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.1, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.2, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.3, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.4, E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.5, E/HLPF/2018/3, E/HLPF/2018/4, E/HLPF/2018/5, E/HLPF/2018/6, E/2018/L.20-E/HLPF/2018/L.2 and E/HLPF/2018/L.3

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15:30 to 18:30 (in parallel)

47th plenary meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

High-level segment - Item 5

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council - Item 5 (a)

General debate

Please see link

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The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with the level of representation and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Statements in the general debate should not exceed *four minutes* when speaking in a national capacity, and *six minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

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E/2018/NGO/7, E/2018/NGO/8, E/2018/NGO/9, E/2018/NGO/10, E/2018/NGO/11, E/2018/NGO/12, E/2018/NGO/13, E/2018/NGO/14, E/2018/NGO/15, E/2018/NGO/16, E/2018/NGO/17, E/2018/NGO/18, E/2018/NGO/19, E/2018/NGO/20, E/2018/NGO/21 and E/2018/NGO/22

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Friday, 20 July 2018

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

On the draft of the political declaration in preparation for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

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Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Ninth working session

Monday, 23 July 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 4

Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

The list of speakers for the general discussion is open.

Intergovernmental organizations, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe with the list of speakers are requested to contact the secretariat in writing.

Inscriptions on the list of speakers will close by 17:00, on 19 July 2018.

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal.

Additional information is available on the website of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing.

Document: A/AC.278/2018/1 (to be issued).

Links: e-deleGATE Portal

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Website

https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml

Contact: Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (Inscription with the list of speakers) (cianciulli@un.org).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-seventh session

Monday, 6 August 2018

10:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 16 July to Friday, 3 August 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

Friday, 20 July 2018

11:30 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Briefing by the Special Representative for Somalia and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

Other matters

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 13 July 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

[archived video]

14th meeting

The Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan), opened the meeting and made a statement.

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17 - Item 2 (a)

The forum resumed its consideration of the item.

Discussion on SDG 17"Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development"

Presentations were made by a representative of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and by His Excellency Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and co-facilitator for the outcome of the 2018 ECOSOC forum on financing for development follow-up.

The discussion was moderated by Ms. Gillian Tett, U.S. Managing Editor, *Financial Times*, who made a statement.

The forum heard presentations by the following panellists: His Excellency Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations; Mr. Robin Ogilvy, Special Representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to the United Nations; Mr. Alfred Watkins, Chair of the Global Solutions Summit, who also moderated part of the interactive discussion; and Mr. Steven Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer at Aviva Investors; as well as by the following lead discussant: Mr. Kavaljit Singh, Director of Madhyam (New Delhi), of the financing for development civil society group.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of France, Belarus, Finland, Ghana, Viet Nam, the Dominican Republic, Turkey, Thailand, Sweden, Morocco, Norway, South Africa, the European Union and Australia; as well as by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the major group for indigenous peoples; and the other stakeholder groups on Ageing and the Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism.

Organization of work

The Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan) made a statement.

15th meeting

The President of the Council (Czech Republic), opened the meeting and made a statement.

Discussion on "Leaving No One Behind: are we succeeding?"

The Forum heard an address by Mr. Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The discussion was moderated by Mr. Manish Bapna, Executive Vice President and Managing Director of the World Resources Institute, who made a statement.

The forum heard presentations by the following rapporteurs: Mr. Douglas Keh, Deputy Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme; Mr. Mahi Amadou Deme, Director of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Senegal; Ms. Riitta Oksanen, Deputy Director General at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland; and Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive-Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; as well as by the following lead discussants: Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy and Professor of International Affairs at The New School; Ms. Victoria Tauli Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples; Ms. Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales; and Ms. Sylvia Beales, Strategic Adviser at Gray Panthers, and stakeholder group on ageing.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Chile, Belgium, Mauritania, Switzerland, Estonia, Sierra Leone; as well as the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Disabilities; the major groups for business and industry and women; and the other stakeholders groups on Together 2030; Education and Academia; and Persons with Disabilities.

Conclusion

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The President of the Council made concluding remarks on the first week of the high-level political forum.

Monday, 16 July 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

44th plenary meeting — *High-level segment* - Item 5

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Czech Republic) opened the segment and the ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council and made a statement.

The President of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations also made a statement.

The Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by Ms. Michelle Yeoh, United Nations Development Programme Goodwill Ambassador and actress.

45th plenary meeting — *High-level segment* - Item 5

The Vice-President of the Council (South Africa) opened the meeting.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development introduced the report of the Secretary-General on "Harnessing new technologies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals", as contained in document E/2018/66.

The Chair of the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) introduced the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twentieth session, as contained in document E/2018/33.

Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council - Item 5 (a)

General debate

The Council held a general debate on the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies". Statements were made by His Excellency Thomas Esang Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau (on behalf of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States); Her Excellency Alicia Beatriz Pucheta de Correa, Vice-President of the Republic of Paraguay (on behalf of Landlocked Developing Countries); Her Excellency Sahar Nasr, Minister of International Cooperation and Investment of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); His Excellency Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for the Environment, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of the European Union; His Excellency AHM Mustafa Kamal, Minister for Planning of Bangladesh (on behalf of Least Developed Countries); Her Excellency Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community); Mr. Julius Muia, Principal Secretary of National Treasury and Planning of Kenya (on behalf of the African Group); His Excellency Rubén Escalante, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States); His Excellency Ali Naseer, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States); His Excellency Miguel Ángel Moir Sandoval, Secretary of Planning and Programming of Guatemala (on behalf of the 'Like-Minded Group of Countries in Support of Middle-Income Countries'); His Excellency Miguel Ruiz-Cabañas, Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico (on behalf of the 'United Nations Core Group LGBTI'), His Excellency Dian Triansyah Djani, Permanent Representative of Indonesia (also on behalf of Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia); His Excellency Christian Braun, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations (on behalf of the 'Group of Friends on Children and Sustainable Development Goals'); His Excellency Francisco Tenya, Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru (on behalf of the 'Group of Friends of Disaster Risk Reduction'); Her Excellency Senida Mesi, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania; Her Excellency Graţiela-Leocadia Gavrilescu, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Environment of Romania; His Excellency Enkhtuvshin Ulziisaikhan, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia; His Excellency José Agusto Briones, National Secretary of Planning and Development of Ecuador; His Excellency Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development of Canada; Her Excellency Doris Leuthard, Federal Councillor of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Switzerland; and Her Excellency Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Culture of Liechtenstein.

High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

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16th meeting

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Voluntary National Reviews - Item 2 (c)

The forum began its consideration of the sub-item.

Voluntary national reviews 1 – Ecuador, Kiribati, Lithuania, and Mali

The President of the Council (Czech Republic) opened the meeting.

Voluntary national presentations were made on behalf of Ecuador by His Excellency José Agusto Briones, National Secretary of Planning and Development; on behalf of Kiribati by the Hounourable Teuea Toatu, Minister for Finance and Economic Development and Mr. Martin Tofinga, representative of non-state actors; on behalf of Lithuania by His Excellency Kęstutis Navickas, Minister of Environment; and on behalf of Mali by His Excellency Mahamane Maiga, Permanent Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Modibo Traore, Ambassador and Director of Multilateral Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Mr. Drissa Doumbia, Head of Department, Agency for the Environment and Sustainable Development.

A statement was made by the lead discussant, His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Climate, Energy and Housing and Vice-chair of the National Sustainable Development Commission of Finland.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Austria, Ireland, Norway, Australia, Burkina Faso, Morocco, as well as by the representatives of the major group for workers and trade unions; and the other stakeholder group for Sendai Stakeholders.

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies - Item 2

The forum viewed a film "Made in Forests", which was introduced by Ms. Michelle Yeoh, United Nations Development Programme Goodwill Ambassador and actress.

Organization of work

The Vice-President of the Council (Belgium) made a statement.

17th meeting

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Voluntary national reviews - Item 2 (c)

The forum continued its consideration of the sub-item.

National voluntary national reviews 2: Guinea, Greece, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates

The Vice-President of the Council (Belgium), opened the meeting and made a statement.

A voluntary national presentation was made by Her Excellency Kanny Diallo, Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Guinea.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to the comment made and question posed by the representative of the other stakeholder group for volunteers.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Socrates Famellos, Associate Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece and Ms. Aikaterini Inglezi, Member of Parliament of Greece and President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Armenia, Lebanon, Slovenia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Jordan, as well as by the representative of the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Francisco Guzmán Ortiz, Minister and Chief of Staff of the Office of the President of Mexico.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Norway, Australia, Germany, Colombia, as well as by the representatives of the major groups for women and indigenous peoples.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Abdulla Lootah, Vice-Chair of the National Committee on Sustainable Development Goals and Director-General of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Egypt, Bahrain, Slovakia, as well as by the representative of the major group of non-governmental organizations.

18th meeting

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Voluntary National Reviews - Item 2 (c)

The forum continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Voluntary national reviews 3 – Benin and Cabo Verde

The President of the Council (Czech Republic) opened the meeting.

Voluntary national presentations were made on behalf of Benin by His Excellency Abdoulaye Bio Tchane, Senior Minister in charge of Planning and Development; and on behalf of Cabo Verde by His Excellency José da Silva Gonçalves, Minister for Tourism and Transports, and Minister for Maritime Economy.

A statement was made by the lead discussant, Ms. Jiko Luveni, Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representative of Norway; as well as by the representative of the FFD Civil Society Group.

Voluntary national reviews 4 – Slovakia, Bahrain, Colombia and Viet Nam

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Richard Raši, Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization of Slovakia, Mr. Daniel Bunda, Student and Event Manager at Eduma, Mrs. Ivana Maleš, Founder of the Institute for Circular Economy and Mr. Vladimír Krčméry, Rector of the St. Elizabeth University of Health Care and Social Work of Slovakia.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Greece, Kenya, Indonesia, Singapore; as well as by the representative of the major group for non-governmental organizations.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Mohammed Bin Ibrahim Al Mutawa, Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Head of the National Information Committee of Bahrain.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to a comment made and question posed by the representative of the major groups for non-governmental organizations.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Luis Fernando Mejía Alzate, Minister of National Planning of Colombia.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Germany, Denmark, Singapore, Norway; as well as by the representative of the major groups for indigenous peoples.

A voluntary national presentation was made by Mr. Nguyen The Phuong, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Singapore, Australia; as well as by the representative of the major groups for non-governmental organizations.

Organization of work

The President of the Council made a statement.

18th meeting (in parallel)

High-level political forum on sustainable development - Item 2

The Vice-President of the Council (South Africa) opened the meeting.

The high-level political forum heard presentation on the outcomes of the regional forums on sustainable development, convened by the regional commissions. Statements were made by His Excellency Ghassan Hasbani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health of Lebanon (Arab regional forum); His Excellency Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba (Latin America and the Caribbean regional forum); His Excellency Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia (Asia-Pacific regional forum); His Excellency Mame Thierno Dieng, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal (Africa regional forum); and His Excellency Michael Gerber, Ambassador and Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regional forum).

The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly addressed the Forum.

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8313rd meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (S/2018/649)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Chambas.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, and the Netherlands.

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46th plenary meeting — The summary of the 46th plenary meeting of the Economic and Social Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/138).

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19th meeting (in parallel)

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Voluntary National Reviews - Item 2 (c)

The forum continued its consideration of the sub-item.

Voluntary national reviews 5 – Albania, Latvia, the Niger, and the Sudan

The Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan) opened the meeting.

Voluntary national presentations were made on behalf of Albania by Her Excellency Senida Mesi, Deputy Prime Minister; on behalf of Latvia by His Excellency Arvils Asaradens, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics and Ms. Inese Vaivare, Director of the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation; on behalf of the Niger by Her Excellency Aichatou Boulama Kané, Minister for Planning and Ms. Kamil Halimatour Garba, Director of Statistics and Demographic and Social Research; on behalf of the Sudan by His Excellency Gamal Mahmoud Alrayah, Minister of Urban Planning of Khartoum state, Dr. Limia Abdelgafar Khalfalla, Secretary General of the National Population Council, SDGs Focal point, Mr. Nasreldin Ibrahim Shulgami, Civil Society Representative and Mr. Ahmed Magzoub Ahmed Ali, Committee member of Financial, Economic and Investment Affairs in the National Assembly.

A statement was made by the lead discussant, His Excellency László Borbély, Counsellor of State and Head of the Department for Sustainable Development of Romania.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Sweden, Jamaica, Estonia, Mali and Serbia, as well as by the representatives of the major groups for women and for non-governmental organizations; and the other stakeholder group for persons with disabilities.

19th meeting (in parallel)

Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: Voluntary National Reviews Item 2 (c)

The forum continued its consideration of the sub-item.

The Vice-President of the Council (Belgium) opened the meeting and made a statement.

Voluntary national reviews 7 – Togo and Bhutan

Voluntary national presentations were made on behalf of Togo by His Excellency Komi Sélom Klassou, Prime Minister of the Togolese Republic; and on behalf of Bhutan by His Excellency Lyonpo Namgay Dorji, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Thinley Namgyel, Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission.

A statement was made by the lead discussant, His Excellency Miguel Angel Moir, Secretary of Planning and Programming of the Presidency of Guatemala.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of India, Singapore, Thailand, and Nepal, as well as by the representatives of the major groups for women and non-governmental organizations.

Voluntary national reviews 8 – Uruguay, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, and Australia

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Álvaro García, Director of the Office of Planning and Budgeting of Uruguay.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to the comments made and questions posed by the representatives Brazil, Argentina, and Germany, as well as by the representative of the major group for workers and trade unions.

A voluntary national presentation was made by His Excellency Sandith Samarasinghe, Minister Delegate of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development of Sri Lanka.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Australia and Nepal.

A voluntary national presentation was made by Her Excellency Doris Leuthard, Minister of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications of Switzerland and Ms. Sophie Neuhaus, National Youth Council of Switzerland.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representative of Germany, as well as by the representatives of the major group for non-governmental organizations and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

A voluntary national presentation was made by Her Excellency Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Ms. Duane Fraser, Co-Chair, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, and Mr. Darrell Wade, Co-Founder, Intrepid Travel Group.

In the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Switzerland, as well as by the representative of the major group of non-governmental organizations.

Organization of work

The Vice-President of the Council (Belgium) made a statement.

20th and 21st meetings

The summaries of the 20th and 21st meetings of the High-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/138).

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Wednesday, 18 July 2018

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 to 13:00 Informal meeting (closed) Conference Room A

Press conferences

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Briefing on organizational matters for the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 10-11 December 2018 (A/RES/72/244) (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration)

Thursday, 19 July 2018

09:00 to 11:00 Conference Room 11

Link: More Info

Contact: Ms. Nicole Mun Sim Lai (laim@un.org; 212-963-0173)

Expert Group Meeting on Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development (A/RES/71/231) (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Environment Programme)

Thursday, 19 July 2018

09:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

Contact: Ms. Hyun Sung (hyun.sung@un.org)

Event entitled "Measuring Progress Towards Target 8.7" (A/RES/70/1) (organized by the United Nations University)

Thursday, 19 July 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

Contact: Ms. Alexandra Cerquone (cerquone@unu.edu)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 24 July 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Informal meeting (closed) Conference Room A

Thursday, 26 July

10:00 to 13:00 Informal meeting (closed) Conference Room D

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